

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed October 15, 2004 has been received and its contents carefully considered. In view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, reconsideration of the application, withdrawal of the outstanding rejections, and allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

The indication at page 5 of the Office Action that claims 36, 37, 44 and 45 contain allowable subject matter is noted with appreciation. Without conceding the correctness of the art rejections, Independent Claim 34 have been amended to contain the language from Claim 36, and Independent Claim 42 has been amended to contain the language from claim 44, and the remaining rejected independent claims have been cancelled. Applicant reserves the right to present these or other claim in a continuation or divisional application as appropriate.

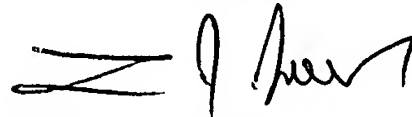
Further, although the Applicant does not concede the correctness of the art rejections, it is believed that these have been rendered moot by the inclusion of the indicated allowable subject matter into the currently pending independent Claims 34 and 42. In addition, Claim 42 has been amended to replace the words "cylindrical covers" with "covering means" in response to the rejection for indefiniteness. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that all the claims in the application are now in condition for allowance.

Entry of this amendment after final rejection is believed proper and is respectfully requested. No new claims have been added, and the remaining two independent claims have been amended to contain subject matter indicated allowable in the Office Action. Therefore, it is believed that entry of this amendment resolves all outstanding issues without any need for further search or burdensome examination by the Examiner.

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone conference would be beneficial to remedy any outstanding issues; the Examiner is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at 202/861-1696.

Respectfully submitted,

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